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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): Sir, I beg to lay this statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 26th Report of the Standing Committee on Energy (2008-09) on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry for the year 2008-09.

.1 The 26th Report of the Standing Committee on Energy (2008-09) on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry for the year 2008-09 was presented to the Lok Sabha on 22nd April, 2008.

2. Action Taken Statement on the recommendations/observations contained in the 26th Report of the Committee had been submitted to the Standing Committee on Energy on 14th August 2008.

3. There are 35 recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations pertain, besides Demands for Grants, mainly to issues like 10th and 11th Plan Proposals, Wing Energy Programme, Solar Energy Programme, Small Hydro Power Programme, Biomass Power/Co-generation Programmes, RVE Programme and various proposals on tax and duties on the equipments and materials used in the renewable energy generation.

4. The present status of implementation of various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in "the Annexure to my Statement, which is laid on the Table of House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out the contents of this Annexure. I would request that these may please be considered as read.

* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library, See No.LT-10007/08.

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